REMARKS

Claims 1 - 17 presently appear in this case. The amendments to the claims are being made to eliminate all multiple dependencies so as to reduce the filing fee and to place the case in better condition for examination. Please enter this amendment prior to calculation of the filing fee.

Prompt consideration on the merits and allowance are earnestly solicited.

The Notice of Missing Requirements incorrectly indicates that the application does not contain a paper copy sequence listing. A paper copy sequence listing was submitted as part of the courtesy copy of the International Application (immediately after the claims but before the abstract) as filed. Applicants request that the PTO incorporate into the present specification the attached paper copy Sequence Listing section according to 37 C.F.R. §1.821(c) as pages 1-6 of the Sequence Listing section.

Furthermore, attached hereto is a file (either on a 3½" disk or in an online text file) containing the "Sequence Listing" in computer readable form in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821(e).

The following statement is provided to meet the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.821(f) and 1.821(g).

I hereby state, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821(f), that the content of the attached paper and computer readable copies of the sequence listing are believed to be the same.

I hereby also state, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821(g), that the submission is not believed to include new matter.

Applicants submit that the present application contains patentable subject

matter and therefore urge the examiner to pass the case to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,

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